



The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society's **EXCITER**

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- RARS General Membership meeting: **Second Tuesday** of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night except Saturday @ 8 p.m. on 146.640.
- The RARS Technical & Trader's net: Saturdays @ 8:00 PM on 146.64.
- RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the **third Tuesday** of each month.
- On the **fourth Tuesday** of every month, in-person meeting at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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<https://www.rars.org/public-service.php>

frequently for our ham public service schedule.

RARS General Meeting

Date: June 9, 2026

Topic: RARS Field day

Coordinated by: Marty Young, W4MY

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: In-Person and Zoom Meeting at 7:30 PM, [More info at RARS.org](https://www.rars.org)

RARS In Person Gathering

Date: June 23, 2026

Where: Ridge Road Baptist Church

Time: 7:00 PM

In-person Gathering at Ridge Road Baptist Church where there will be project tables, demos, snacks, and socializing.

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The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the amateur radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic needs; to educate members in radio technique, and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Regular dues for licensed amateurs are \$18 per year. (From July 1 through June 30.) Additional licensed immediate family members pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed full-time students and licensed seniors 60 and over are \$12 per year. Unlicensed individuals may become associate members for \$9 per year. Applications for membership are available from the treasurer or on the RARS web site.

<https://www.rars.org>

EXciter

The EXciter is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at www.rars.org. Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The EXciter welcomes articles, advertisements, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's EXciter is the Saturday that is ten days before the general meeting. All submissions must be final. Drafts are not accepted.

The views expressed in the EXciter are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

Tom Lewis, N4TL, editor (editor@rars.org)

President's Message for June 2026

There are **two excellent reasons to attend the RARS membership meeting on June 9th. First, Marty Young W4MY, our Field Day Chair, is going to talk about our upcoming ARRL Field Day effort.** Whether you're a seasoned Field Day operator or you've never been to one (or you're somewhere in between), you're not going to want to miss Marty's presentation. **Second, the Board is going to present the 2026-27 budget for approval by the membership. We need over 60 voting members to attend so we can pass the budget, and you definitely want a say in how your dues are spent.**

ARRL Field Day is perhaps RARS's second-largest all-club event, maybe slightly behind RARSfest in terms of the total number of RARS members participating. Our first Field Day was in 1969, the year the club was founded. As best as I can tell, we have participated (in one form or another) in every ARRL Field Day since. We have operated at a wide range of locations, including the NC State Fairgrounds, the State Capitol lawn, a few corporate parking lots, the NCSU Faculty Club, Camp Butner, Boy Scout camps and Jaycee parks, members' homes, and of course the Carroll Farm and the Raleigh Police Club.

At our first Field Day, we operated Class 3A and finished 42nd in class! We did a little better the next year, finishing four out of nine in Class 8A. Twenty years later in 1989, we set a Class 7A-Battery record that stood for 17 years. Fifteen years after that, in 2024, we achieved our highest score ever, operating in Class 9A. We also achieved an attendance record that year, with 81 people signing the attendance log. See [Field Days Past](#) on the RARS website for an abbreviated year-by-year summary of our efforts. You can also read complete Field Day write-ups in [back issues](#) of the EXciter (usually in the July issue of each year).

But, of course, raw score isn't the only measure of success. Last year, we focused on participation. Our goal was to share our hobby with as many people as we could and give everyone who wanted to operate a chance to do so. It worked. One hundred and six folks signed the attendance log, 25 people more than in record-setting 2024! We still finished respectably in the top 10.2% of our class. Our goal this year is the same, plus we have a few other things planned, but I won't steal Marty's thunder any further.

Turning to the more mundane but no less important topic of the budget, we need over 60 voting members to attend the June 9th membership meeting, in-person or by Zoom. As I mentioned in the May President's Message, we can't take any official action unless at least 10% of our voting members attend the meeting, and right now we have over 600 voting members. We don't want to go into the next fiscal year (starting July 1) without an approved budget.

So come on June 9 to hear Marty's Field Day presentation and vote on the proposed 2026-27 budget! See you there!

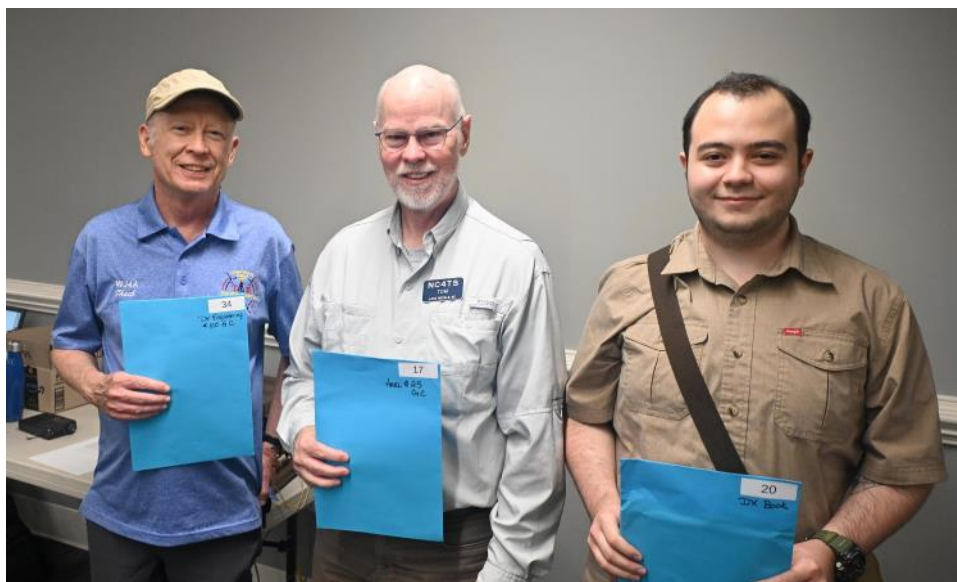
73,
Tony
K1OC

May 12, 2026, RARS meeting

President Tony O'Connor, K1OC, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded Zoom participants of a few notes about using Zoom. See the minutes for all the details during the meeting on [page 29](#).



Tony O'Connor, K1OC, starting the meeting

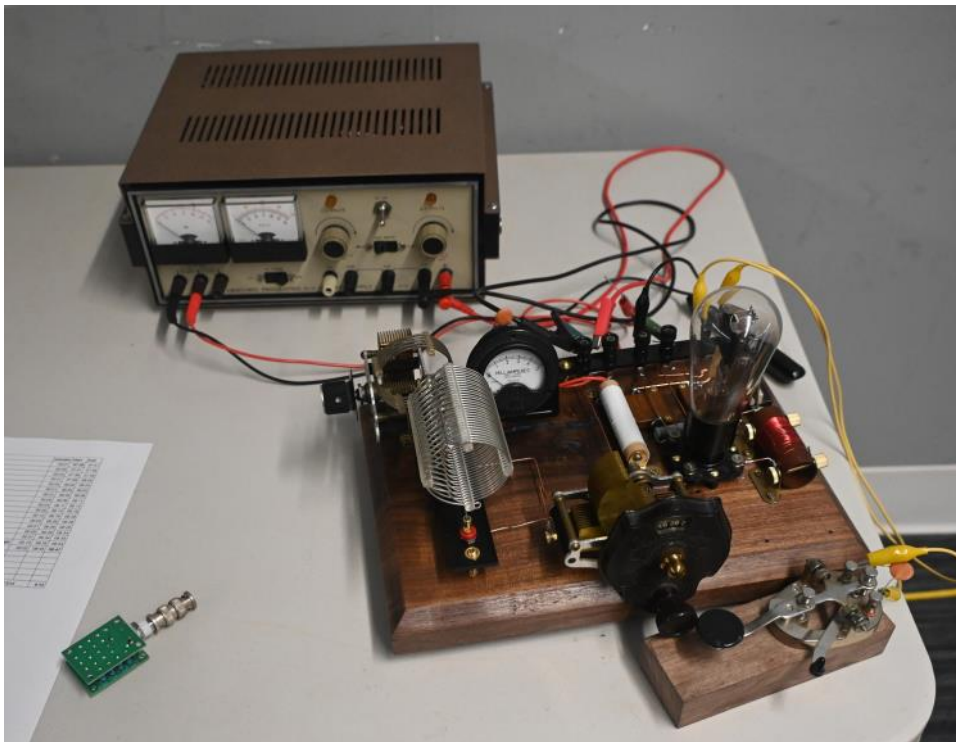


Door prize winners
Chuck, WJ4A; Tom, NC4TS; ?????

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Bill Berzinskas, WW1H,



He built a one tube transmitter and explained how it works

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Daniel Berzinskas, KQ4GOB, Extra class license.
He talked about a number of speaker enclosures he made



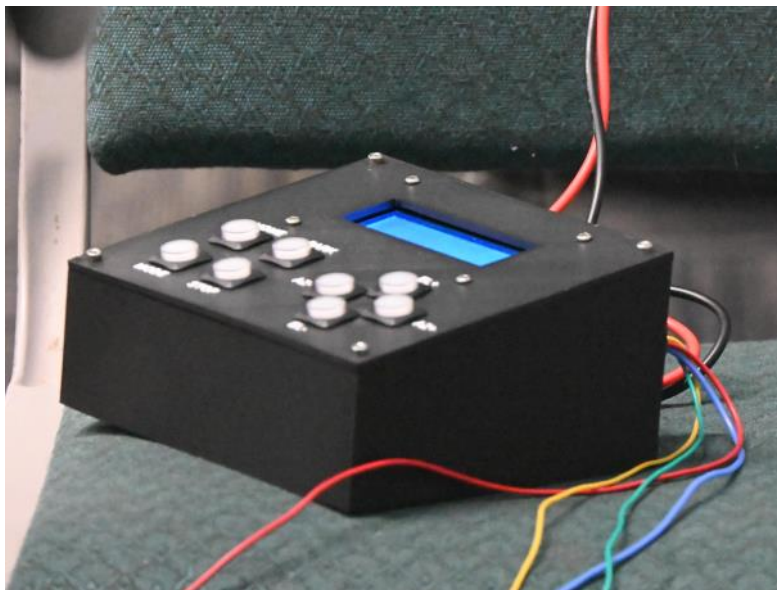
Tony O'Connor, K1OC
And his Microphone switching box.

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Carl Frega, KN4QQU

Carl works at the [The Museum of Life and Science](#) in Durham, NC USA



Carl demonstrated an antenna rotator
made from a surplus motorized camera gimbal and tripod.

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued



Michael Johnson, KZ4LY.

How to make wire antennas for POTA with out using Alligator clips.

And keeping all the POTA stuff light

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

Call Sign	Full Name	Call Sign	Full Name
AD4GX	Latchum, Ken	KZ4LY	Johnson, Michael
K1OC	OConnor, Jr., Tony	N1JDW	Joondeph, Mike
K4JAH	Hollowell, John	N4BJH	Haggerty, Jr, Joe
KA2DEW	Torborg, Tadd	N4TL	Lewis, Tom
KB2TNR	Torborg, Nancy	NC4DK	Keith, Dennis
KE4PAX	Seamster, Greg	NC4FG	Gold, Fin
KF4VXJ	Crawford, David	NC4KG	Taylor, Glenn
KI4PAC	Sherman, Bruce	NC4TI	Boling, John
KK4EBJ	Montague, Rob	NC4TS	Schwartz, Tom
KM4TH	Johnson, Kim	NOCALL	Lewis, Morris
KN4QQU	Frega, Carl	NOCALL	Mundorf, Nathan
KO4PZA	Dugdell, Paul	NOCALL	Brown, Jimmie.
KQ4GOB	Berzinskas, Daniel	NOCALL	Fritsche, Derek
KQ4PSK	Gilleece III, Jay	W4LEU	Leu,David
KR4ANI	North, Christine	W4NAB	Baker, Nick
KR4BTW	Kurland, Josh	WA4JCK	Jones, Dale
KR4EPO	Owens, Jr, Tom	WD4RDT	Goss, Jr., Wilbur
KR4HKA	Yalcin, Utku	WJ4A	North, Chuck
KR4KDW	Goverman, Grace	WW1H	Berzinskas III, Bill
KR7PDX	conifer, ryan	WZ0Q	Mason, Dennis

40 people signed in at the meeting

See the next page for the 24 people on Zoom

RARS Secretary, Josh Kurland, KR4BTW has a **laptop computer at the door for people to sign in.** If you are a member of RARS, type your callsign and hit enter on the keyboard. The spreadsheet will automatically fill in the rest. Visitors will need to enter their full information.

May 12, 2026 RARS meeting, continued

Alan Pitegoff	AB4OZ	John Edgerton	KQ4RLM
Arash Manafirad	KR4GOJ	John Honeycutt	N8ZU
Bob Brown	N4GEB	Jon Mundorf	
Carl Lindner	KM4GBE	Louis Alexander	K4BYN
Charles Strickland	WA4OSS	Murray Merner	K4MHM
Chuck Littlewood	K4HF	Rich Hall	KR4LH
Chuck Till	K4RGN	Richard LaBarbera	K0RL
Cliff Kendall	N3LEX	Roger Gibson	K4KLK
Doug Wall	N3LTV	Ryan Reed	N7RYN
Eric Wagner	NR4O	Steve Jenkins	W4MGT
Ernie Wall	NC4EW	Tom Hegele	K4ETH
Jim Crook	KM4WRK	Will Gwaltney	WA4GK

Zoom checkins

40 People attended in person plus 24 on zoom.

64 total

RARS Net Report May 2026

31 2m nets: 383 checkins, 771 minutes duration

4 6m nets: 55 checkins, 74 minutes duration

Julie McCrary, KT4JR,
RARS net manager

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, May 26, 2026

Ridge Road Baptist Church, at [2011 Ridge Road, Raleigh](#)



Many people at the Gathering



??? Using the Transceiver probably on 40 meters.

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, May 26, 2026



Michael Johnson, KZ4LY & Luke Johnson, KR4KZA

Father and son, Luke Passed the Extra test that was given just before the Gathering.



Mike and Luke checking out the transceiver.

Monthly In-Person RARS Gathering, May 26, 2026

Sign in list

Call Sign	Full Name	Call Sign	Full Name
AD4GX	Latchum, Ken	KR4LH	Hall, Rich
K1OC	OConnor, Jr., Tony	KR4MHI	Lepla, Hayden
K2HJX	lindsley, jeremy	KT4JR	McCrary, Julie
K4GRU	Barnes, Nathan	KY4WM	McCrary, Craig
K4JAH	Hollowell, John	KZ4LW	Whitson, Jr, Bill
KA2DEW	Torborg, Tadd	KZ4LY	Johnson, Michael
KB2TNR	Torborg, Nancy	N1JDW	Joondeph, Mike
KO4GKH	Thedieck, Ben	N2PY	Smith, Brent
KO4PAS	Kerley, Mike	N4BJH	Haggerty, Jr, Joe
KO4ZHO	Seaman, Jim	N4TL	Lewis, Tom
KQ4FZS	Carr, David	N8ZU	Honeycutt, John
KR4BTW	Kurland, Josh	NC4TI	Boling, John
KR4HBQ	Atlow, Neal	W4LEU	Leu, David
KR4HKA	Yalcin, Utku	WB4DCM	Swindell, Charles
KR4JYZ	Byrd, Travis	WJ4A	North, Chuck
KR4KDW	Goverman, Grace	WX4TIM	Thurber, Tim
KR4KZA	Johnson, Luke	WZ0Q	Mason, Dennis

RARS Gathering attendees copied from RARS Discord

34 people attended

2026 Hamvention and RARS

Tim Thurber, WX4TIM, attended the Hamvention in Xenia, Ohio. He sent the picture below of RARS members who were there.

It was Tim's first time ever going to the Dayton hamfest. He camped out at Caesar Creek State Park (US-1940) and did POTA from a tent all three nights. He logged 252 contacts in total. 50 using FT8, and 202 using SSB (20m/40m). His pictures are on this website, [Hamvention and POTA - Google Drive](#).



Left to right. Carl Davis, W8WZ; Tom Owens, KR4EPO; Al Sutton, KC4M;
Steve Jenkins, W4MGT; Tim Thurber, WX4TIM; Brantley West, K4CBW;
Rik Faith, KB4ID; Marty Young, W4MY; Nancy Torborg, KB2TNR;
Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW.

RARS Member Birthdays

Robert	K4RWR	06/03
John	KK4JCN	06/03
Navin	KF4LFW	06/03
Tony	W4BMX	06/04
Daniel	KD4KXI	06/05
Gwen	KF4EUT	06/05
Rick	N4VQT	06/07
Bruce	KI4PAC	06/07
Cliff	N3LEX	06/09
David	W4OFO	06/10
Ken	KN4GUS	06/11
Matt	KN4MIO	06/11
Charles	NZ0I	06/11
Gary	KQ4BTC	06/11
Leila	KO4ZTR	06/11
David	KQ4VHU	06/11
Dan	KK7EUJ	06/12
Edward	KQ4HTF	06/12
Jonathan	KB8QNE	06/14
Jon	KO4WLA	06/16
Big T	KN4WJL	06/18
Mark	N4MQU	06/18
Wade	KK4UGY	06/19
Neal	KB2NAE	06/20
Steve	W4MGT	06/21
Patrick	KM4QDZ	06/22
Michael	KR4KDF	06/28
Neal	KR4HBQ	06/29
Christopher	W7AWD	06/29
Mark	N8MH	06/29
Mike	K4MBX	06/30

RARS New Members

David Carr	KQ4FZS
Brent Smith	N2PY
George Hardin	KR4LGI

AB4OZ HAMFEST

will be SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026.

at Ridge Road Baptist Church

2011 Ridge Rd. Raleigh, NC 27607

ARRL Field Day

June 27-28, 2026. RARS will operate at the

Raleigh Police Club 3500 Leonard Road,

Knightdale, NC

JARS fest NEW LOCATION

Saturday November 7th, 2026.

The 37th Annual JARS fest will now

be at [The Farm](#) at 95 in Selma NC.

HAM Radio Lunch

Every Thursday at the New York Diner
909 McKnight Drive, Knightdale, NC 27545
May 14, 2026, 11 AM



Names clockwise around the table.

Walt Chambers, K4ZVK; Chris Buttine, KC1GN; Dave Wood, W4EJ; Lou Demko, W3LPR;
Tom Lewis, N4TL; Ken Latchum, AD4GX; Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ; Chuck Littlewood, K4HF;
Charles Strickland, WA4OSS

What an AUXCOMM Exercise Is Like

AUXCOMM exercises give trained amateur radio operators a chance to see how our skills fit into real emergency response. The pace isn't always steady, but it's always purposeful: operators check in, establish their stations, and begin passing messages just as they would during an actual emergency. The goal is simple—practice communicating when normal systems are stressed or unavailable.

During the May 21 10am-1pm statewide exercise, AUXCOMM volunteers relayed information between field operators, county and branch offices, and the State Emergency Operations Center. Some ham operators worked from the field, sending location updates or reports from business partner organizations such as Walmart or Wells Fargo and many more. Others operated inside county or state Emergency Operations Centers, monitoring multiple radios, handling message traffic, and coordinating with net control to keep communications organized and efficient.

Even in a controlled exercise, the communications room becomes noisy and busy quickly. Several radios may be active at once, messages arrive in bursts, and operators must prioritize their work, manage message flow, and sometimes ask stations to stand by. These drills help hams build confidence, sharpen their operating skills, and learn how to function as part of a larger emergency management team. For anyone interested in serving their community, training for AUXCOMM offers a meaningful way to put amateur radio to work when it matters most.

We're honing our skills and learning how to work with public safety, emergency services personnel, and systems.

Doug Wall N3LTV

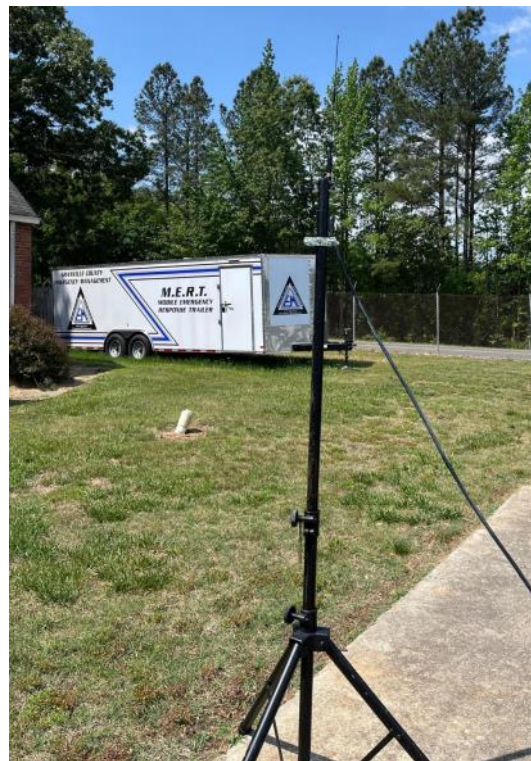


NC AUXCOMM logo used with permission of Tom Brown, N4TAB.

What an AUXCOMM Exercise Is Like, continued



Submitted by Jeremy Lindsley K2HJX operating as an amateur operator at one of the key business partner sites (Wake Forest Walmart in this case) to receive business partner messages to be sent to the various county and state emergency management offices



Submitted by Tom Hillery KG4EDY Operating from the Granville County Emergency Management Mobile Communications trailer

Keep up-to-date with the RARS.ORG Website



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HAM TRACKS
Activities for New Hams!

RARS Field Day is June 27-28

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Today is Monday, June 1, 2026 (day 152/2026)
RARS 2 Meter Net: Nightly at 8:00 pm on [146.64](#)
RARS 6 Meter SSB Net: Mondays at 8:30 pm on 50.350 MHz FM Raleigh, NC

Become an Amateur Radio Operator in Three Easy Steps — Click Here!

The June 2026 **EXCITER** will be posted soon!
Read back issues in the [archives!](#)

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society asks that any person who thinks that they might have any contagious disease refrain from attending any in-person RARS events until they are no longer contagious.

Next RARS General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Always the Second Tuesday of the Month
[In-Person and Online!](#)

Featuring a Program on
RARS Field Day
Presented by Field Day Chair Marty Young [W4MY](#)
and
Approval of the 2026-27 Budget
Presented by Greg Seamster [KE4PAX](#)

Members and non-members are welcome!

In-Person

Ridge Road Baptist Church
[2011 Ridge Road](#)
Raleigh, NC 27607

6:00 PM: [New Ham & Elmer Meeting](#)
7:00 PM: General Social Period
7:30 PM: Business Meeting and Program



Online

[Click here to join](#) the Zoom call anytime after 7:00 PM on the evening of the meeting. Please **add your call sign and location to your name in Zoom**. Zoom participants will be able to talk amongst themselves until 7:30 PM. At 7:30, Zoom participants will be muted for the meeting but the Zoom chat feature will be monitored in the meeting room so they can make comments and ask questions.

We meet **in-person** for [The Gathering](#) and the [RARS Dinner](#).

See [here for a list of presentations and selected materials](#) from prior meetings.

Have an idea for a meeting? [Click to message the RARS Vice President](#).

Welcome to Our Newest RARS Members

KR4MIA Casey Fritz IV	KR4LGI George Hardin	N2PY Brent Smith
KQ4FZS David Carr	CJH1 Cynthia Harris	KR4LEP Scott Brehler













RARS Classifieds

Copied from <https://www.rars.org/classifieds.php>

The items below were listed within the last 30 days on the RARS website.
Check the RARS Classified List on the RARS website regularly for new items.

Kenwood MC50 & MC60 replacement feet

Posted May 31st, 2026 by: [KA2FWC](#)

Contact: ka2fwc@bellsouth.net

3D Printed with black TPU material (good grip to surface) and new screws. The MC60 uses 2 longer screws in the back. MC50 use the same screws

Set of 4 with screws \$5.00 each picked up (or at a meeting) shipping is almost \$6.00

Just let me know which set you need.

Frank

KA2FWC

Tripp-Lite PR-25a 13.6v Power Supply

Posted May 31st, 2026 by: [W4WHW](#)

Contact: tube.radio@gmail.com

Tripp-Lite PR-25a 13.6v DC 25 amp regulated power supply for sale. It's been tested and is in good operating condition. It would be a good power supply for running an 100w HF or a VHF/UHF rig. \$60

tube.radio@gmail.com

Elmac AF-67 Transmitter

Posted May 28th, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embarqmail.com

Classic XMTR, used as both mobile and fixed rig, 50s vintage. Fairly rough shape, but likely easily recoverable. Includes a nice pair of 6L6 modulators and a 6146. In Hillsborough and can be picked up in Morrisville. \$50, about what the tubes are worth.

Estate Equipment of Jim Converse, KA2FFE

Posted May 28th, 2026 by: W4BOH

Contact: [W4BOH](#)

infomet@embarqmail.com

All is in good working condition.

RARS Classifieds continued

MFJ - VHF SWR Watt meter - Model MFJ-812 - \$25
MFJ – 949D Versa Tuner II \$75
Tripp Lite TR-10a precision regulated DC power supply - \$75
Alinco HF All mode transceiver - Model X77 - \$50
WGA TR2000 communications headset - \$45
LDG AL-100 Autotuner \$75
Alinco DC Power Supply - DM-340MV - \$100
Sangean ATS-808 Radio - \$75
BaoFeng - F8HD Handheld radio - \$25
Kenwood Microphone MC50 - \$25
MFJ - VHF Converter - \$25

Most items have the instruction manual. \$450 for all of it.
LOCATED IN CARY, Contact W4BOH to see.

Rectifier Tubes

Posted May 25th, 2026 by: [W4NPN](#)

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Thinning the herd; shop is too full: I have many common rectifier tubes. What might you need?
No mercury vapor types.

All pulls from working equipment so probably in good working condition. Just old, like me.
5Y3, 5Z3, 5R4, 6AX5, 6X5, 5U4, 6AX4, 80, 6W4

If you are maintaining older equipment one of these for backup might be worthwhile.

Pick 'em up in Chapel Hill. I prefer not to mail them; mailing costs more than the tubes are worth.
Very cheap. Reply by email please.

Frank

www.w4nnpn.org

RARS Classifieds continued

Mica Transmitting Capacitors

Posted May 22nd, 2026 by: [W4NPN](#)

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

I have a quantity of mica transmitting capacitors which are pulls from a 10KW 1950's aircraft beacon transmitter. They were in working condition when pulled and are of various values and high voltages. I cannot guarantee their working condition now, but suspect they are in good condition.

If you are a builder and need some, let me know your needs and I'll see if I have the values you require. These are available in Chapel Hill. They are mailable at your cost.

Elecraft K2 with KDSP and SSB filters, KAT100 Autotuner and KPA100 Watt Amplifier

Posted May 20th, 2026 by: KQ4ICK

Contact: [KQ4ICK](#)

garrydougasmurray@gmail.com

Hello,

I am listing this Elecraft K2 radio, 100 watt amplifier, fully automatic antenna tuner and 30 amp power supply in excellent condition, fully aligned and extremely well assembled including all books, schematics, cables and microphone. A very interesting radio.

Garry; 919-859-2980 Call or text Offers welcome! Thank you

Looking for any Xiegu radio one might want to sell

Posted May 18th, 2026 by: [K4WWR](#)

Contact: rwalker63@aol.com

Thank you K4WWR

FS: Relay Racks

Posted May 17th, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embargmail.com

Yep, six feet tall. Open frame, aluminum Enclosed, steel
\$50 each, multiple available, in Hillsborough.
Delivery available but not free.

RARS Classifieds continued

FS: HQ-129X

Posted May 15th, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embargmail.com

Clean but paint failing.

Operability unknown.

Come see in Hillsborough.

A classic postwar receiver, \$50.

Selling for Widow

Posted May 15th, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embargmail.com

Ameritron AL-80B amp. Single 3-500Z, \$600.

Icon IC-746, \$400.

Ameritron ATR-20 1200W antenna tuner, \$250.

All in great shape visually.

Can be tested by buyer at pickup.

All can be seen in Hillsborough.

Dual Lever Paddles

Posted May 15th, 2026 by: [W4BOH](#)

Contact: infomet@embargmail.com

Bencher, \$100.

Kent, ball bearing, \$125.

In Hillsborough, can be picked up in Morrisville.

Super Rare Italian Republic Vintage Radio

Posted May 6th, 2026 by: [K4WWR](#)

Contact: rwalker63@aol.com

Super super rare working Italian Republic Radio. Great for your collection. Works perfect. Period.

Email me for full pictures.

RARS Classifieds continued

Did you forget something at the RARSfest?

Posted May 5th, 2026 by: N4TL

Contact: [N4TL](#)

Did you leave a box at the consignment table?

If you left it contact me.

You need to be able to tell me what it is.

73 Tom N4TL

Misc Ham Radio Items

Posted May 4th, 2026 by: K4HF

Contact: [K4HF](#)

k4hf953@yahoo.com

1. Vintage Hallicrafters Speaker R48A 8 ohms 10" spkr \$45
2. UJM-4010EFHW End Fed Half Wave 1.5 KW 63' Antenna 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters \$45
3. UJM-8010 EFHW End fed Half Wave 1.5 KW 130' Antenna. 80 thru 10 Meters + WARC Bands \$65

Thanks, Chuck

W8IO Aluminum Rooftop tower and rotor

Posted May 3rd, 2026 by: [K4MWB](#)

Contact: k4mwb@arrl.net

45HD rooftop tower with mast, thrust bearing, HyGain Taitwister rotor and control console. Asking \$900. Assembled and in storage.

RARS Classifieds continued

Elenco Precision Regulated plus/minus power supply XP-620

Posted June 2nd, 2026 by: [W4NPN](#)

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

If you are a builder, experimenter or do repairs, you might need this. It's in perfect condition. 0-15 VDC positive and 0-15 VDC negative outputs; 1 Amp each. There is also a 5 VDC, 3 amp output.

Used only a very little; good as new. On Ebay it sells for \$45 to \$65. This one is only \$25. I just don't need it; I have multiple other DC supplies.

Pickup only in Chapel Hill; email me if you want it.

Free: Fuse Holders with built-in fault light

Posted June 2nd, 2026 by: [W4NPN](#)

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Free: I have three BUSS HGB-C industrial style fuse holders. Rated up to 250VAC, 30 amps. Built-in fault lamp.

I hate to throw these out; they are so nice, but I'll never use them. They are rather large compared to more common fuse holders.

Warning: Should you look up BUSS HGB-C on the internet, photos of a different product will appear. I can't find a current photo. These were acquired in the 1970's and I've been toting them around ever since. They are sort of a "putty" color; maybe beige.

They gotta go! Pickup in Chapel Hill only. Email me if you want them...they go to salvage in a week.

I also have a quantity of used, good, common fuse holders; the type with a screw-in fuse holder. If you are a builder and need one for a project, I can probably help. Pickup only.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

May 5, 2026

7:03 PM on Zoom

1) Call to Order – Tony O’Connor K1OC

Board members present were:	Board members not present
Tony O’Connor K1OC	Julie McCrary KT4JR
Chuck Till K4RGN	Brad Bazemore KK4PWJ
Greg Seamster KE4PAX	Bob Starkenburg W4TTX
Josh Kurland KR4BTW	Marty Young W4MY
Tadd Torborg KA2DEW	
Nancy Torborg KB2TNR	
Richard Hall KR4LH	
Fin Gold NC4FG	
Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ	
Ryan Reed N7RYN	
John Hollowell K4JAH	
Will Gwaltney WA4GK	
Jeremy Lindsley K2HJX	
Tom Lewis N4TL	
Chuck Littlewood K4HF	

2) Quorum Call – Josh Kurland KR4BTW confirmed there was a quorum.

3) President O’Connor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Minutes from the April 2026 Board Meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

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4) Old Business

a) Articles and By-Laws Changes

President O'Connor confirmed the need to send a notification to the membership by mail at least 30 days before the vote is to occur. The board decided to delay this action until September due to the expected challenges of meeting the quorum over Summer.

5) New Business

a) Replacement 64 Antenna - Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ

Alan proposed a motion to get an estimate to install a replacement antenna. The motion was denied, and the Repeaters Committee will provide an analysis and an updated install estimate at the next board meeting.

b) Review Preliminary Draft of the 2026-2027 Budget

Greg KE4PAX presented the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

6) Officer's Reports

a) **Vice-President's Report**

Chuck Till K4RGN

b) **Treasurer's Report**

Greg Seamster KE4PAX

The total membership count is at 600, with 19 unlicensed members. The quorum count for the membership meeting is 58.

c) **Secretary's Report**

Josh Kurland KR4BTW

The Minutes are up to date.

7) Committee Reports:

a) **Net Manager**

Julie McCrary KT4JR

b) **Public Service Director**

Jeremy Lindsley K2HJX

c) **Education Director**

Brad Bazemore KK4PWJ

d) **FM Repeater Chair**

John Hollowell K4JAH

The Repeaters Committee is looking at a new location in North Hills and investigating whether the site will be acceptable for a repeater. They conducted noise testing at the Eastern and had further discussion on what will be usable. The current plan is to move the multi-mode digital from the RTP site to the Eastern.

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e) **Club License Trustees** Bob Starkenburg W4TTX

f) **EXciter Editor** Tom Lewis N4TL

Tom is nearly finished with this month's Exciter and needed information on identifying a few hams.

g) **RARSfest Chair** Nancy Torborg KB2TNR

Nancy is working on a budget for RARSfest with some increases built in. She will be visiting Hamvention, booth 529 to recruit dealers to future RARSfest events.

h) **Food Service Chair** OPEN

i) **ARRL Liaison** Chuck Littlewood K4HF

j) **NC QSO Party Chair** Marty Young W4MY

k) **Field Day Chair** Marty Young W4MY *pro tem*

l) **RARS VE Coordinators** Richard Hall KR4LH

Richard reported two Extra upgrades, one Technician who also upgraded to General.

m) **RARS Webmaster** Will Gwaltney WA4GK

The websites are up.

n) **Youth Chairman** OPEN

o) **At Large Director** Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ

The AB4OZ hamfest date will have to be moved to Saturday the 23rd. of May.

p) **At Large Director** Tadd Torborg KA2DEW

q) **At Large Director** Ryan Reed N7RYN

r) **Past President** Fin Gold NC4FG

8) Adjournment

President O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion being made and seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kurland KR4BTW, RARS Secretary

MINUTES
RARS Club Meeting
May 12, 2026, 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Welcome – President Tony O’Connor K1OC called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reminded participants of a few tips about using Zoom.
2. Opening Comments - Tony O’Connor K1OC
 - a) Upcoming events:
 - i. RARS Dinner - Tuesday, May 19
 - ii. The Gathering - Tuesday, May 26, at which we will have VE testing.
 - iii. Board Meeting - June 2
3. President O'Connor recognized three visitors and two new members.
4. Quorum Call: in-person + Zoom: President O’Connor asked secretary Josh KR4BTW whether a quorum was achieved, and he confirmed that there was **not** a quorum.
5. Vice President’s Report – Chuck Till K4RGN
6. Secretary’s Report – Josh Kurland KR4BTW

The minutes are up to date.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Greg Seamster KE4PAX

RARS membership count is at 600 total members. Greg presented a summary of the 2025/2026 fiscal year and a forecast overage in budgeted expenses, but a vote on the over spend could not proceed without a quorum. There is income to cover the over spend. A vote on this motion and the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget motion will occur in June.

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8. Announcements from Directors

a) Alan AB4OZ - Hamfest

The next hamfest has been moved to Saturday May 23th at the Ridge Road Baptist Church parking lot.

9. Door Prize Drawing - Tony O'Connor K1OC

President O'Connor supervised the drawing of tickets for three door prizes. The prizes were a gift certificate from DX Engineering, a gift certificate to the ARRL, a Heil T-shirt and a Chasing DX book. The winners were: Chuck North WJ4A, Tom Schwartz NC4TS and [???](#).

10. President O'Connor introduced the evening presentation,

Show & Tell, hosted by John Hollowell K4JAH
with presentations from:

- 1) Bill Berzinskas WW1H,
- 2) Daniel Berzinskas KQ4GOB,
- 3) Tony O'Connor K1OC,
- 4) Carl Frega KN4QQU
- 5) Michael Johnson KZ4LY.

11. Following the program President O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kurland KR4BTW, RARS Secretary